

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 01 August 1997
Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Untitled
Other Known Titles: No 14 One Colour Print
Director: Not Applicable
Producer: Not Applicable
Publisher: Not Stated
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Camera Ready Copy
Country of Origin: Not Stated
Language: Not Applicable

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The camera ready copy *Untitled* (also known as *No 14 One Colour Print*) is classified as:
Objectionable.

The camera ready copy has been given this classification because it contains strong images which present sexual conduct of a degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning nature, and which degrade, dehumanise and demean the persons depicted. The publication consists of a sheet of white card containing paste on images relating to page layout. The camera ready copy is used in the printing process. The publication contains seven photographic images which present male and female nudity and sexual activity. A female is shown blindfolded and kneeling in front of a group of four males, positioned as if to fellate the group. By presenting the woman as an orifice without the ability to discern one male from the next, positioned for the males' sexual gratification, the publication presents sexual conduct of a degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning nature in a harsh manner. Another image is of a female's genitals surrounded by three masturbating males who are depicted for the most part by full-body camera shots. The publication strongly degrades, dehumanises and demeans the woman by focusing on her as genitals to be utilised by the men. These degrading, dehumanising and demeaning elements dominate the publication. The camera ready copy therefore objectifies women to such an extent and degree that the availability of the publication is considered likely to be injurious to the public good.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) as they affect this publication. Because of the strong degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning images the classification of the publication as objectionable is a justified limitation of the NZBR Act in this instance.

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